

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-57**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER REGALADO'S REQUESTS THAT: (1) THE COUNTY COMMISSION CANCEL THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NO. 01982 ENTITLED DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE THE RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY AND ASSOCIATED RECREATIONAL ELEMENTS; AND (2) A WORKING GROUP OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS BE ESTABLISHED TO DEVELOP PRIORITIES FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY WITH THE MOST CRITICAL PUBLIC SAFETY ELEMENT BEING THE BEAR CUT BRIDGE; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2021, Miami-Dade County received an unsolicited proposal for the design, build, finance, operation and maintenance of the Rickenbacker Causeway and the Venetian Causeway, including the development of parkland and beachfront along the Rickenbacker Causeway; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 8, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (the "County Commission") adopted Resolution No. R-648-21 to accept the unsolicited proposal and to approve the issuance of a competitive solicitation for the same project purpose as set forth in the unsolicited proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 15, 2021, the County's administration issued a competitive solicitation (RFP No. 01982) for the design, build, finance, operation and maintenance of the Rickenbacker Causeway and the Venetian Causeway, including the development of parkland and beachfront along the Rickenbacker Causeway (the "RFP"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Key Biscayne (the "Village") is uniquely affected by the RFP given that the Rickenbacker Causeway is its sole means of access to and from the mainland; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, the Village Council adopted Resolution 2021-44 respectfully requesting that the County Mayor and/or County Commission immediately rescind the RFP and begin a new collaborative public process with all stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2021, the County Commission adopted Resolution R-942-21 removing the Venetian Causeway in its entirety from the RFP and extending the time for submittal of proposals to allow for adjustments to the RFP and sufficient time to complete and review the Value for Money (VfM) Financial Assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the County engaged IMG Rebel Advisory, Inc. to perform the VfM Assessment analyzing both the project delivery and financing options for the Rickenbacker Causeway project and evaluating the delivery model offering the best “value for money” (the “IMG Report”); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 19, 2021, the County Mayor issued a memorandum entitled “Report Providing the Value for Money Assessment and Executive Report for the Rickenbacker Causeway,” which summarized the strategic procurement options to further ensure “value for money” for the public and offered an option to cancel the procurement and restart a new iterative procurement; and

**WHEREAS**, the IMG Report concluded that cancelation of the RFP allows for greater optimization of the project’s “value for money” because the procurement process has already been started, which would make significant changes to the RFP more difficult to achieve; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 23, 2021, County Commissioner Regalado issued a memorandum regarding the “Response to the VfM report on the Rickenbacker Causeway RFP,” which provided that after “reviewing the facts and feedback that have brought us to this point in time, my request is to cancel this procurement and start over;” and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Regalado in her memorandum further provided that she would advocate that the County Mayor create a working group of key stakeholders to flesh out the priorities and develop a detailed survey of all the elements to be considered for the project with the most critical public safety element being the Bear Cut Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 2021, the County Mayor held a public meeting regarding the IMG Report to allow further feedback from the community and stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2021, based on the input and feedback from hundreds of members of the community and key stakeholders, along with the recommendation from Commissioner Regalado, the County Mayor issued a memorandum recommending that the RFP be canceled and restart a new procurement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council would like to confirm that it supports the County Mayor and Commissioner Regalado's requests that: (1) the County Commission cancel the RFP and refresh the process by starting over to align the project with critical priorities and enable competition and creative solutions; and (2) a working group of key stakeholders be established to define and develop priorities for the redevelopment of the Rickenbacker Causeway with the most critical public safety element being the Bear Cut Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Village and of Miami-Dade County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.**     **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Support.** The Village Council supports the County Mayor and Commissioner Regalado's requests that: (1) the County Commission cancel the RFP and refresh the process by starting over to align the project with critical priorities and enable competition and creative solutions; and (2) a working group of key stakeholders be established to define and develop priorities for the redevelopment of the Rickenbacker Causeway with the most critical public safety element being the Bear Cut Bridge.



**Section 3. Transmittal.** The Village Council hereby directs the Village Clerk to transmit this Resolution to the Clerk of the County Commission and the County Mayor.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


PASSED and ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:

  
JOCELYN B. KOCH  
VILLAGE CLERK

  
MICHAEL W. DAVEY, MAYOR  


APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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